ASSEMBLY BILL   No. 1489

Introduced by Assembly Member Negrete McLeod

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Section 19549 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1489, as introduced, Negrete McLeod.   Horse racing: racing days.

Existing law provides that the jurisdiction and supervision over meetings in this state where horse races with wagering on their results are held or conducted, and over all persons or things having to do with the operation of such meetings, is vested in the California Horse Racing Board. This jurisdiction includes the authority to allocate racing days and weeks to racing associations and fairs, as provided. Existing law permits the board to allocate up to 14 racing days to a fair each year, with specified exceptions, and provides that these 14 days shall be during the period in which general fair activities are conducted.

This bill would permit, rather than require, the 14 days to be during the period in which general fair activities are conducted.

Vote: majority.   Appropriation: no.   Fiscal   committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1   SECTION 1.   Section 19549 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:

1   19549.   Except as provided in Section 19549.1, the maximum
2 number of racing days that may be allocated to a fair shall be 14
3 days each year. Those racing days ~~shall~~ *may* be days during the
4 period in which general fair activities are conducted. However,
5 any fair racing association that conducted racing in the central or
6 southern zone prior to January 1, 1980, shall be entitled to be
7 allocated up to three weeks of racing. The board shall take public
8 testimony and make all determinations on the allocation of racing
9 dates during a public hearing. All discussions of allocating racing
10 dates by the board or its subcommittees shall be conducted during
11 a public hearing. Nothing in this section diminishes the authority
12 of the board to establish racing dates.

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